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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI, USPTO, ESP@CE: keywords-smoke, particle, pollution, detector, sensor, flow, sample, inlet, port, upstream, rate, maintenance, blockage, abnormality, fault, meter, measure and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A		1 to 9, 12 to 23
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A	Derwent abstract accession number 84-067024/11, Class Q75, SU 989271 A (ZHARKIKH AG) 15 January 1983	1 to 11

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A	WO 1996/007166 A1 (SCHEEFER) 7 March 1996	12 to 23
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US	6679103	NONE			
GB	2140163	AU	29687/84	EP	0143837
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SU	989271	NONE			
US	6439062	CA	2290042	US	6267013
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FR	2254073	NONE			
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